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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: ROBERT C. HEATH et al

SERIAL NO.: 09/491,094

FOR:

DISPOSABLE LID FOR A CUP

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EXAMINER: R. HYLTON

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Date: 3/201/0

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 27, 2000

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

DEAR SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2000, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Formal drawings will be timely filed following Notice of Allowance including the appropriate cross-hatching for Figure 3 and an indication of the plastic material of the lid.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Change the Title to:

SMOOTH SPOUT DISPOSABLE LID FOR A CUP

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3 and 4 as follows: